



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
1800 ELMERTON AVENUE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17110

Mailing Date: May 13, 2019

Leila Young
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 71378
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2516

PSP/RTKL Request N° 2019-0366

Dear Ms. Young:

On April 4, 2019, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) received your request for information pursuant to Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 – 67.3104, wherein you state:

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act, I hereby request the following records:

Emails and email attachments that fit ALL the following criteria.

- 1) Sent or received between December 1st, 2018, and the latest possible date (i.e. today's date April 3rd, or the latest possible date available in the email system, as the systems are often up to month behind)
- 2) Sent by an email address ending in "adl.org" to any employee of the law enforcement agency to which this request is addressed, OR sent by an employee of the law enforcement agency to which this request is addressed to any "@adl.org" email address and/or any other employee of the town/city in which the law enforcement agency resides
- 3) Containing in the subject line, or body of the message, or attachment one OR more of the following search term:
'Leadership Seminar'
'Leadership Seminar in Israel: Resilience and Counterterrorism'
'Leadership, Resilience and Counter-Terrorism Seminar'
'NCTS'

'National Counter-Terrorism Seminar'
'Counter-Terrorism Seminar'
'Israel'

The emails/and/or attachments are likely to include, but are not limited to:

- an invitation to participate in the Leadership, Resilience and Counter-Terrorism Seminar in Israel
- a participant roster
- a participant booklet

A copy of your request is enclosed. By letter dated April 11, 2019, you were notified in accordance with RTKL section 67.902(b) that PSP required an additional thirty days to prepare this final response to your request.

On its face, your request for is denied as insufficiently specific. The request lacks specific information, such as the names of the individuals whose emails you seek, necessary for PSP to ascertain and retrieve the requested records. The RTKL requires that a request for records be made with "sufficient specificity to enable the agency to ascertain which records" are being requested. 65 P.S. § 67.703; *Kantrowitz v. Great Valley School District*, OOR Dkt N° AP 2009-0646; and *Mollick v. Methacton School District*, OOR Dkt N° AP 2009-0180.

However, outside of the RTKL and without waiving any exemptions, in the event you can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to submit another RTKL request.

To the extent that your request seeks or may be construed to seek records involving covert law enforcement investigations, including intelligence gathering and analysis, PSP can neither confirm, nor deny the existence of such records without risk of compromising investigations and imperiling individuals. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, therefore, should this response to your request be interpreted as indicating otherwise.

In closing, you have a right to appeal this response by submitting an appeal form in writing to the Office of Open Records (OOR), 333 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17126-0333. The appeal form may be obtained in the forms section on the OOR website, <http://openrecords.pa.gov>. Should you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response and send to the OOR:

- 1) this response;
- 2) your request; and

- 3) the reason why you think the agency is wrong in its reasons for withholding information (a statement that addresses any ground stated by the agency for the denial). If the agency gave several reasons why the record is not public, state which ones you think were wrong.

Respectfully,



Lissa M. Ferguson
Deputy Agency Open Records Officer
Pennsylvania State Police
Bureau of Records & Identification
Right-to-Know Office
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
Email: RA-psprighttoknow@pa.gov
1.877.785.7771 (Main); 717.525.5795 (Fax)

Enclosures: PSP/RTKL Request N° 2019-0366
Ferguson Verification


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VERIFICATION OF
LISSA M. FERGUSON
DEPUTY AGENCY OPEN RECORDS OFFICER

I, Lissa M. Ferguson, Deputy Agency Open Records Officer of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP or Department), am authorized to prepare this verification on the Department's behalf in response to PSP/RTKL Request N° 2019-0366. Accordingly, on this 13th day of May, 2019, I verify the following facts to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge or information and belief:

1. I am familiar with PSP/RTKL Request N° 2019-0366, which is attached to this verification.
2. The request is insufficiently specific because it fails to provide me sufficient facts to determine which records are sought and whether, on review, any part of the request constitutes a public record requiring disclosure.
3. Specifically, PSP cannot identify the records sought from the information provided because the request lacks specific information, such as the names of the individuals whose emails requestor seeks, necessary for PSP to ascertain and retrieve the requested records. Absent additional information, PSP cannot pinpoint the repository to search.
4. Outside the RTKL and without waiving any exemptions, the requestor was encouraged to provide more information and submit another request.

I understand that false statements made in this verification are subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



Lissa M. Ferguson
Deputy Agency Open Records Officer
Pennsylvania State Police

Ott, Cynthia L

From: 71378-52834468@requests.muckrock.com
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 1:16 PM
To: SP, PSP RIGHT TO KNOW
Subject: [External] Pennsylvania Right to Know Act Request: police seminar in israel (Pennsylvania State Police)
Attachments: PA_Right_to_Know_Request_Form.pdf

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4-11-19
RECEIVED
RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW OFFICE
SUBPOENA UNIT

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ATTENTION: This email message is from an external sender. Do not open links or attachments from unknown sources. To report suspicious email, forward the message as an attachment to CWOPA_SPAM@pa.gov.

Pennsylvania State Police
RTK Office
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110

April 4, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Leila Young

Filed via MuckRock.com

E-mail (Preferred): 71378-52834468@requests.muckrock.com

Upload documents directly:

https://www.muckrock.comhttps://accounts.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency_login%252Fpennsylvania-state-police-435%252Fpolice-seminar-in-israel-pennsylvania-state-police-71378%252F%26email%3DRA-psprighttoknow%2540pa.gov&url_auth_token=AAAboNxYal87tdHto7MozjfZe0%3A1hC5xq%3A3WnKSA7rWsl2hNyFCiaVHyovRso#agency-reply

Is this email coming to the wrong contact? Something else wrong? Use the above link to let us know.

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.





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OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

RECEIVED
RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW OFFICE
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STANDARD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST FORM

DATE REQUESTED: 2019-04-04

REQUEST SUBMITTED BY: ☒ E-MAIL ☐ U.S. MAIL ☐ FAX ☐ IN-PERSON

REQUEST SUBMITTED TO (Agency name & address): Pennsylvania State Police

1800 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110

NAME OF REQUESTER : Leila Young

STREET ADDRESS: Dept MR 71378 411A Highland Ave

CITY/STATE/COUNTY/ZIP(Required): Somerville, MA 02144-2516

TELEPHONE (Optional): _____ EMAIL (optional): 71378-52834468@requests.muckrock.com

RECORDS REQUESTED: **Provide as much specific detail as possible so the agency can identify the information.
Please use additional sheets if necessary*

See Attached

DO YOU WANT COPIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO

DO YOU WANT TO INSPECT THE RECORDS? ☐ YES ☒ NO

DO YOU WANT CERTIFIED COPIES OF RECORDS? ☐ YES ☒ NO

DO YOU WANT TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE IF THE COST EXCEEDS \$100? ☒ YES ☐ NO

**** PLEASE NOTE: RETAIN A COPY OF THIS REQUEST FOR YOUR FILES ****
**** IT IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT IF YOU WOULD NEED TO FILE AN APPEAL ****

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

OPEN-RECORDS OFFICER:

☐ I have provided notice to appropriate third parties and given them an opportunity to object to this request

DATE RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY:

AGENCY FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAY RESPONSE DUE:

***Public bodies may fill anonymous verbal or written requests. If the requestor wishes to pursue the relief and remedies provided for in this Act, the request must be in writing. (Section 702.) Written requests need not include an explanation why information is sought or the intended use of the information unless otherwise required by law. (Section 703.)*